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SUBJECT: HIJACKED VC-10

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FOR SECRETARY FROM SISCO, TOKYO FOR BREMER

1. FAHMY HAS CONFIRMED TO EILTS WHAT HAS BEEN APPARENT SINCE THIS INCIDENT BEGAN - GOE IS UNDER TREMENDOUS PRES-SURE, INCLUDING FROM EUROPEAN GOVERNMENTS, FOR RELEASE OF KHARTOUM EIGHT AND HAS THUS FAR RESISTED. BELIEVE THIS TENACITY SHOULD BE ACKNOWLEDGED IN HOPE THAT GOE RESISTANCE CAN BE SUSTAINED. SUGGEST FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM YOU TO FAHMY.

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2. QUOTE: I APPRECIATE YOUR FULL EXPLANATION TO AMBASSA-

DOR EILTS OF THE HEAVY PRESSURES ON YOUR GOVERNMENT FOR THE RELEASE OF THE MURDERERS OF OUR DIPLOMATS IN THE SUDAN. I AM GRATEFUL ALSO FOR YOUR BEARING IN MIND THE PROBABILITY OF ADVERSE CONGRESSIONAL AND PUBLIC REACTIONS IN THE UNITED STATES IF THOSE SAME INDIVIDUALS ARE LIBERATED. AT THE SAME TIME, WE MUST LOOK AHEAD, AS YOU HAVE WITH AMBASSADOR EILTS, TO PREVENTION OF SIMILAR INCIDENTS IN THE FUTURE. I AM ENCOURAGED BY YOUR MENTION OF A MINI-SUMMIT TO DEAL WITH THIS PROBLEM. WE, LIKE YOU, CONSTANTLY SEEK NEW AVENUES TO COUNTER TERRORISTS, LIKE THOSE NOW HOLDING INNOCENTS IN TUNIS, WHO SEEK TO SABOTAGE OUR JOINT EFFORTS

TO FACILITATE PEACE AND JUSTICE IN THE MIDDLE EAST.
UNQUOTE.

3. THE GOE HAS BEEN REMARKABLY FIRM IN CONTINUING TO HOLD THE KHARTOUM EIGHT AND HAS HAD THE COURAGE NOT TO TRANSFER THE PROBLEM TO US. IT CANNOT BE RULED OUT, HOWEVER, THAT THE TUNIS HIJACKERS, WHO ARE CURRENTLY FOCUSSED ON DEMANDS ON THE DUTCH, MAY RETURN TO THEIR EARLIER INSISTENCE ON FREEDOM FOR THE KHARTOUM EIGHT. SHOULD THE HIJACKERS SPILL NEW HOSTAGE BLOOD IN THESE CIRCUMSTANCES OR THREATEN TO DO SO, THE GOE MAY DECIDE TO ACQUIESCE IN THE RELEASE OF THE KHARTOUM MURDERERS. AT THAT STAGE, WE WOULD HAVE TO CONSIDER HOW WE MIGHT BEST CONTAIN THE DOMESTIC REACTION SO AS TO MINIMIZE ITS IMPACT ON U.S.-EGYPTIAN RELATIONS AND ON U.S. INTERESTS IN THE MIDDLE EAST.

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